

MAGISTRATE

DESCRIPTION

The Magistrate's Office is a county office under the supervision of the Chief Circuit Court Judge and the Supreme Court of Virginia. Magistrates issue warrants of arrest, conduct bail bond hearings, commit offenders to jail, and release prisoners from jail. The Magistrate's Office is open 24 hours a day,

seven days a week. The principal function of the Magistrate's Office is to provide an independent review of complaints from police officers, sheriff's deputies, and residents. These complaints supply the magistrate with facts needed to determine whether a warrant of arrest should be issued.

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

	FY2002 Actual	FY2003 Adopted	FY2004 Biennial Planned	FY2004 Adopted	Change FY2003 to FY2004	FY2005 Projected	FY2006 Projected	FY2007 Projected
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating	6,584	5,200	5,200	7,200	38.5%	7,200	7,200	7,200
Capital	<u>4,934</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>0</u>	-100.0%	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	\$11,517	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$7,200	0.0%	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$7,200
Revenue	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0.0%	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Cost	\$11,517	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$7,200	0.0%	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$7,200
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BUDGET ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION

The Magistrate's budget is comprised of funds for a portion of its operating expenses and capital purchases. All personnel expenses and minimal operating expenses are funded by the state. The Magistrate's Office continues to focus on its need to automate many of its operating and records management functions. There has been no increase in funding for FY2004, however the budget has been

reallocated between capital and operating to more accurately reflect anticipated expenditures.

Funds needed to help relieve space constraints and replace aging furniture and equipment are addressed in the county Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY2004 as part of the County Jail Replacement initiative.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

As the Chesterfield County population continues to expand, so do the demands on the Magistrate's Office. Personnel and office space have been identified as the most critical needs for the office and have been addressed in the county CIP for FY2004.

The office foresees the need to have three magistrates working per shift and the new offices should help to alleviate the need for more space. Funding has not been identified to address these issues.